

## Chamber lunch meeting

The next lunch meeting of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce will be Thursday, July 6, at noon in Heppner City Hall conference room. The chamber will receive a legislative update by Oregon State Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Alison Hart, as well as discussing the upcoming solar eclipse taking place Monday, Aug. 21. The next all entities report will take place Aug. 3.

Cost of lunch is \$10; Two Old Hags Pizza will

cater. Because of the upcoming holiday, chamber lunch attendees are asked to RSVP at 541-676-5536 by June 30, but no later than July 3, to guarantee a lunch.

The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. A request for an interpreter for the hearing impaired or for other accommodations for persons with disabilities should be made at least 48 hours before the meeting to Sheryll Bates at 541-676-5536.

## Heppner Lions Club to hold barbecue, installation

The Heppner Lions Club annual barbecue and installation of officers will take place at Hager Park in Heppner at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21. Refreshments, ribeye steak, chicken, barbecue beans and garlic bread will be provided for \$20. Those attending the meal are asked to bring a salad or dessert. Children and future Lions members are welcome.

## Boardman to sponsor community-wide clean up in July

The City of Boardman will sponsor a community-wide clean-up the month of July. The city has garbage vouchers available, with a \$50 limit, to residents of the City of Boardman. The vouchers are valid during the month of July at Finley Butte Landfill and the North Morrow Transfer Station.

The garbage voucher program encourages citizens to clean up their residences by disposing of yard

debris. This will be the first time Boardman has sponsored the clean-up in the month of July; previously clean up months have only been held in the months of April and November.

City residents may pick up their vouchers at Boardman City Hall, 200 City Center Circle, beginning June 30. For more information on this program, call Boardman City Hall at 481-9252.

### Sheriff's Report

**March 14 (cont.):** -A female in Irrigon requested transport to Oregon State Hospital; she reported she had a fractured ankle and ribs as a result of her jail stay and advised she couldn't breathe.

-Morrow County Sheriff's Office received a complaint regarding a goat left to rot on a Boardman property.

-A male in Irrigon advised MCSO that a dog killed some of his sheep the day before.

-MCSO was advised that Umatilla County Jail arrested Cesar Macia De La Torre, 21, on a parole and probation Detention Warrant. Subject was lodged at UCJ with no bail.

-MCSO emergency dispatch received a 911 call from a juvenile in Heppner who advised they "may have butt dialed."

-MCSO was advised of Pickups at the end of the road near the river in Irrigon, stuck and tearing up the area. RP advised it was on the Corp of Engineers ground. MCSO responded and made contact with the subjects.

-A female in Irrigon reported that her mother sent her an SOS message and she couldn't get hold of her mother; she advised that her mother needed help right now. The RP later called back and advised it was an accidental text and everything is fine.

**March 15:** -Morrow County Sheriff's Office arrested Darwin David Smith, 29, on a warrant for Failure to Appear on Conspiracy to Commit a Class A Misdemeanor, Theft II, Violation DWS, Driving Uninsured.

-MCSO received a driving complaint from Boardman; caller advised the other driver almost ran them off the road, swerved

in and out of traffic and flipped off the caller. The call was referred to another agency.

-MCSO received a complaint about high school kids in Heppner speeding down Water Street after school.

-A male in Heppner advised that he let his neighbor borrow his TV and the neighbor never brought it back. He advised he did not know his neighbor's name but only that he lived on the same floor.

-MCSO received report of a burglary in Irrigon. The caller stated someone just broke into his residence, a Chevy pickup that left out the back of the property. He advised his wife chased them off the property. It was unknown if they took anything—they were in the garage only, and the caller saw one person, looked female.

-MCSO received report from a person in Irrigon that an online donation account for her family had been closed by the administrator and the check cashed.

**March 16:** -Heppner ambulance responded to an 89-year-old with a possible stroke, partial paralysis on the left side of face, conscious and breathing, no history of stroke.

-Irrigon ambulance responded to a 58-year-old with possible heart attack or stroke and transported the patient.

-RP on Hwy. 74, Ione advised that a car with tinted windows and Washington plates had been traveling by his house every day at a high rate of speed. RP requested a deputy to run traffic control in the area around 7-7:30 a.m.

-MCSO took a case for compulsory attendance at Irrigon High School.

## Zac Grooms June 26 at Boardman Marina Park

Country singer Zac Grooms will perform for the Music in the Parks outdoor summer concert series at 7 p.m. on June 26 at the Boardman Marina Park, located off N. Main Street on Marine Drive.

Grooms has been writing and performing country music in the Northwest as a solo artist and band frontman for more than 15 years. Zac has had a hand in writing nearly 40 songs, including "If I Had My Way" which went all the way to #1 on the Independent charts in 1999. Since recording his first single at age 14, he has won several awards, has shared the stage with various country

legends, and has appeared on numerous radio shows.



Zac Grooms

He continues to be highly recognized in the Columbia River Gorge music community.

The Music in the Parks

concert series is held each summer alternating between Boardman and Irrigon Marina Parks. The concerts are free to the public and begin at 7 p.m. on Mondays through Aug. 14. Visitors are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets. Concessions will be available for purchase at the event, courtesy of Judy's Chuck Wagon. The Music in the Parks series is funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and Portland General Electric and sponsored by the North Morrow Community Foundation.

Additional dates and performers during the season include singing duo

98% Angels on July 3 in Irrigon; Jamie Nasario and Luke Basile in Boardman on July 10; Melissa Cunningham in Irrigon on July 17; Dallin Puzey in Boardman on July 24; the Buttercreek Boys on July 31 in Irrigon; guitar duo Blue Mountain Spanish Sound in Boardman on Aug. 7 and the band Cruise Control in Irrigon on Aug. 14. In the event of inclement weather, Boardman performances will be held at the SAGE Center and Irrigon performances will be held at the Irrigon Senior Center.

For more information about the Music in the Parks concert series, contact Tami at 541-571-0844.

## Bank of EO announces new loan production office

Heppner, OR—Bank of Eastern Washington, a branch of Bank of Eastern Oregon, announces its opening of a new loan production office in Pomeroy, WA.

The Pomeroy office, address to be determined, will be staffed by Fred

Zack.

Fred is a veteran banker and licensed CPA. He brings more than 30 years of financial services and marketing experience to the position. Fred and his wife Lisa make their home in Pomeroy.

"We are excited to have

Fred join the bank's lending team. I have known and respected Fred for several years. He is rapidly getting involved in the community and familiarizing himself with the area," BEO President and CEO Jeff Bailey said. "Our bank prides itself on community involvement

and offering a personal, hands-on approach to banking. I am confident that customers and prospective customers will enjoy Bank of Eastern Washington's brand of banking."

Zack can be reached at 541-256-6101 or 360-607-4276.

## COUNTY COMMISSION

*-Continued from PAGE ONE* to the accounts. Gutierrez corrected them and said Morrow County Clerk Bobbie Childers, who is an elected official, also has authorization to view the bank accounts.

Following is Gutierrez's complete letter to the county commissioners:

"This letter is to formally question and protest the policy and the authorization letter that you voted on May 3, 2017 regarding the informational access of the banks for the BOC and the Finance Director. I have yet to see a written copy of this policy. I would like to know which ORS allows the BOC to supersede the authority of another elected official.

"When I was asked to come back to the BOC (Board of Commissioners) meeting on May 3rd, I had no idea what was coming. I felt as if I was blind-sided. Commissioner Russell is quoted in the Heppner Gazette-Times as saying, 'We should not have to go to the treasurer and then get the answers from her.' I really don't understand why you wouldn't go to the Treasurer? Who do you ask your questions on assessment and tax? The Assessor/Tax

Collector. Who do you ask for information on planning issues? The Planner. Who do you ask questions concerning the Sheriff's Department? The Sheriff. So on and so forth. How is this office any different than any other? According to the May 3rd minutes of the BOC, Chair Lindsay stated there is only one person on these accounts. That is not factual as Bobbi Childers, Morrow County Clerk, is a signer on both the Bank of Eastern Oregon and Community Bank. I think the problem there in lies that it is not who the BOC wishes it to be. I have polled the other county treasurers in the state and besides Polk County and the home rule counties, this does not happen.

"I would appreciate it if you could tell me exactly what information you desire that you think I won't tell you or not be able to answer. The Finance Department already sees the bank statements, so I don't know what kind of activity you think I am doing that you need to check on.

"I have worked for the county for 28 years. Collectively, the BOC and the Finance Director has 4 years of experience with a

county government. I think it would be wise to step back and learn the processes of that said county government before stepping over boundaries that you shouldn't. There are reasons for having different elected officials doing different county business, checks and balances.

"The county is not a business nor is it a bank. It is a municipality. We are elected to run the county to the best of our abilities by the people of this county. The citizens of Morrow County expect us to work together for the good of the county. We would not be elected again if the people didn't think we were doing our jobs.

"I have been told not to take it personally, but I do. Feel you are trying to micro-manage the Treasurer's Office and that you have no respect for the office, myself, or the work I do and you are tarnishing my reputation. I am willing to work with the BOC only if we can treat each other with some kind of decorum."

After the letter was read, Lindsay said she has respect for Gutierrez and her position, but does not know how else to ask those

questions when she wants all the parties involved to hear the answers. Russell said he continued to believe the commissioners should have the ability to contact banks when there are any questions.

"I think that as an elected representative I should be able to go to the bank and get an answer without the filter (of the treasurer)," he said. "If commissioners have questions they should be able to go directly to the bank."

In other action it was announced that a county group had done a walk-through of the vacant Blue Mountain Community College building in Boardman that is up for consideration to be purchased by the county as part of its facility expansion project in the North end of the county. Morrow County Health Director Sheri Smith was part of the tour since interest has been expressed in remodeling the building for use by the public health department. County administrator Jerry Sorte said he was in the process of working up a job description for a project assistant to work on developing the facility expansion plan.

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